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March 5, 1953

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## MEMORANDUM OF INFORMAL PSB MEETING, March 5, 1953.

Place: Mr. Stassen's Office.

Present: Walter B. Smith  
 Roger M. Kyes  
 Allen W. Dulles  
 Harold E. Stassen  
 C. D. Jackson  
 George A. Morgan

1. Mr. Dulles gave an account of the progress of work on the problem of Communist indoctrination of U.S. prisoners of war, based on a report of the PSB Working Committee transmitted by me to Mr. Dulles under memorandum of March 5. The Board approved the Committee's recommendations subject to a reference to the use of motion pictures in Latin America to be inserted in the draft press release by Mr. C. D. Jackson.

2. General Smith said that the State Department would approve an Army airlift for Berlin refugees if HICOG states that it is necessary.

Mr. Jackson raised the question of raising more funds for the Berlin refugee emergency, perhaps in connection with Mayor Reuter's expected visit to this country. Mr. Stassen said that MSA funds for the second half of fiscal year 1953 would be made available by MSA to the German Federal Republic, and suggested that this might be announced at a time which would help Reuter.

3. The relationship of Mr. Jackson to the Board was discussed. As an interim arrangement, pending the outcome of the Jackson Committee's work, it was agreed, with Mr. Jackson's concurrence, that the following changes in the Board's Charter should be recommended:

a. The Director for Mutual Security and the Special Assistant to the President (Mr. Jackson) to become members of the Board, the latter to be given the function of representing the Executive Office of the President and coordinating the work of the Board with departments and agencies of the Executive Branch which do not have membership on the Board but which ~~may~~ be concerned from time to time with psychological operations.

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b. The title of "Director" to be changed to "Staff Director".

In connection with the above, Mr. Stassen proposed that his Executive Office functions be transferred to the Special Assistant to the President.

4. In discussing with Mr. Jackson the scope of its function, the Board indicated that its work, while excluding actual performance of psychological operations, nevertheless does include general planning of them, as well as review and approval of more detailed operational plans developed by operating agencies for implementation. It was also pointed out that PSB plans could be produced and approved within a matter of hours on an emergency basis.

5. The significance of Stalin's probable death was discussed. Pursuant to NSC Action No. 728, it was agreed to set up a working party to draft a plan of operations. Mr. Dulles named Mr. Wisner; Mr. Iyes named Mr. Godel; General Smith told me to call Mr. Horsey with instructions for him to name a Russian specialist for the State Department. I was asked to act as chairman.

6. The question of a Defense member of the PSB Review Staff was discussed. With regard to MSA, Mr. Stassen said that General Roberts would be on call for Review Staff purposes if needed, but that he did not wish to have a regular representative on the Staff.

*George A. Morgan*  
George A. Morgan  
Acting Director.

cc: Walter B. Smith  
Roger M. Iyes  
Allen W. Dulles ✓  
Harold E. Stassen  
C. D. Jackson

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cc: ~~Walter B. Smith~~ (with Copy No. of Presidential Directive)  
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March 6, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. C. D. JACKSON:

Subject: Amendment of PSB Directive.

At its informal meeting on March 5, the PSB, with you and Mr. Stassen concurring, agreed to recommend certain changes in the Board's charter as an interim arrangement pending the outcome of the Jackson Committee's work. These changes are:

- a. Mr. Stassen and yourself to become members of the Board, and you to be given the function of representing the Executive Office of the President and coordinating the work of the Board with departments and agencies of the Executive Branch which do not have membership on the Board but which may be concerned from time to time with psychological operations.
- b. The title of "Director" to be changed to "Staff Director".

In connection with these changes, Mr. Stassen proposed that his Executive Office functions be transferred to you.

In accordance with your request, I attach two copies of the Presidential Directive of April 4, 1951, in which I have written suggested amendments to implement the Board's recommendation. The exact wording of the amendments has not been coordinated outside the PSB staff.

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George A. Morgan,  
Acting Director.

Enclosure:

Presidential Directive of April 4, 1951,  
Copies 85 and 86.

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FORM DS-102 1/5/46	DEPARTMENT OF STATE	BLDG.
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RECEIPT IS ACKNOWLEDGED OF THE FOLLOWING:		
DIRECTIVE TO: Secty of State, Secty. of Defense, DIRECTOR CIA, dtd. 4/4/51, 2 pgs. Secret from /s/ Harry Truman, Copy(ies) No. <u>89</u>		
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E/L Documents Clerk, <u>22/10/52</u> <u>3/6/53</u>		
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington

April 4, 1951

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DIRECTIVE TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Director of Central Intelligence

*The Director for Mutual Security  
The Special Assistant to the President for Cold War Operations.*  
It is the purpose of this directive to authorize and provide for the more effective planning, coordination and conduct, within the framework of approved national policies, of psychological operations.

There is hereby established a Psychological Strategy Board responsible, within the purposes and terms of this directive, for the formulation and promulgation, as guidance to the departments and agencies responsible for psychological operations, of over-all national psychological objectives, policies, and programs, and for the coordination and evaluation of the national psychological effort.

The Board will report to the National Security Council on the Board's activities and on its evaluation of the national psychological operations, including implementation of approved objectives, policies, and programs by the departments and agencies concerned.

For the purposes of this directive, psychological operations shall include all activities (other than overt types of economic warfare) envisioned under NSC 59/1 and NSC 10/2 the operational planning and execution of which shall remain, subject to this directive, as therein assigned.

The Board shall be composed of:

*the Director for Mutual Security, and the  
Special Assistant to the President for Cold War  
Operations*

a. The Undersecretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the Director of Central Intelligence, or, in their absence, their appropriate designees;

b. An appropriate representative of the head of each such other department or agency of the Government as may, from time to time, be determined by the Board.

The Board shall designate one of its members as Chairman.

*The Special Assistant to the President for Cold War Operations shall represent the*  
A representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall sit with the Board as its principal military adviser in order that the Board may ensure that its objectives, policies and programs shall be related to approved plans for military operations.

*STAFF*  
There is established under the Board a Director who shall be designated by the President and who shall receive compensation of \$16,000 per year. The Director shall direct the activities under the Board. In carrying out this responsibility, he shall

*Executive Office of the President and coordinate the work of the Board with Executive departments and agencies which are not represented on it but*  
**SECRET** *may be concerned with psychological operations.*

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- a. Be responsible for having prepared the programs, policies, reports, and recommendations for the Board's consideration,
- b. Sit with the Board and be responsible to it for organizing its business and for expediting the reaching of decisions,
- c. Promulgate the decisions of the Board,
- d. Ascertain the manner in which agreed upon objectives, policies, and programs of the Board are being implemented and coordinated among the departments and agencies concerned,
- e. Report thereon and on his evaluation of the national psychological operations to the Board together with his recommendations,
- f. Perform such other duties necessary to carry out his responsibilities as the Board may direct.

Staff Staff  
The Director, within the limits of funds and personnel made available by the Board for this purpose, shall organize and direct a staff to assist in carrying out his responsibilities. The Director shall determine the organization and qualifications of the staff, which may include individuals employed for this purpose, including part-time experts, and/or individuals detailed from the participating departments and agencies for assignment to full-time duty or on an ad hoc task force basis. Personnel detailed for assignment to duty under the terms of this directive shall be under the control of the Staff Director, subject only to necessary personnel procedures within their respective departments and agencies.

Staff  
The participating departments and agencies shall afford to the Director and the staff such assistance and access to information as may be specifically requested by the Director in carrying out his assigned duties.

Staff  
The heads of the departments and agencies concerned shall examine into the present arrangements within their departments and agencies for the conduct, direction and coordination of psychological operations with a view toward readjusting or strengthening them if necessary to carry out the purpose of this directive. The Secretary of State is authorized to effect such readjustments in the organization established under NSC 59/1 as he deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this directive.

Staff  
This directive does not authorize the Board nor the Director to perform any "psychological operations."

In performing its functions, the Board shall utilize the maximum extent the facilities and resources of the participating departments and agencies.

/s/ Harry Truman